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EDITOR'S SPECIAL NOTE

Since OPDX Webmaster, John, K8YSE, is currently on a "WESTERN GRID EXPEDITION" (Satellite - see OPDX.1178), the bulletin will only be posted to the OPDX Web page as a "TXT" file. Those who like reading the OPDX in HTML format will have to wait until John returns or updates the Web page. Thanks for your understanding.

ADDED NOTE: John lost his LARSEN (through the glass) 2/440 antenna on the car, and can now only be tracked on APRS via his cell phone as K8YSE-9.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 31st-August, through Sunday, 7th-September there were 208 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PY0F, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YK,

YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZL9, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4W, TIMOR LESTE

Operators Sei/JA7LU and Hiro/JA2VWG will be active as 4W6LU and 4W6DD, respectively, from Dili between September 22-29th. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15/10/6 meters using SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home callsign direct only.

AH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Nobuaki, JA0JHQ/JH1QJU, will be active as AH0CO from **Saipan Island (IOTA OC-086)** between September 12-16th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, and he also plans to be in the Worked All Europe DX SSB Contest (September 13-14th). QSL via JA0JHQ, direct or by the JARL Bureau.

C5, THE GAMBIA

Operators Steve/G3VMW, Alan/G3XAQ, Mark/M0DXR and Iain/ M0PCB will be active as C5X from the old "MW Radio Syd" site, near Banjul, between January 15-26th (2015). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and some PSK. The group also plans to do some activity in the CQWW 160m Contest. They will have two stations with Elecraft K3 radios with KPA-500 amplifiers using two Spiderbeams for HF, 160/80m verticals on an 18m Spiderpole and dipoles/verticals for 40/30m. QSL Manager is Charles, M0OXO. QSL via his OQRS <http://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs><http://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs>, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded daily to ClubLog and LoTW.

C6, BAHAMAS

Alex, PY2WAS, will be active as C6AAS from Melia Hotel on Cable Beach between October 4-8th. Activity will be holiday style, especially during the nights on 30/20/17/15/12/10m on CW and SSB. QSL via PY2WAS, by the Bureau or direct.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE

John, ZS5J, was once again active as C91J from Ponta de Ouro for a 5 day stay between September 2-7th. Equipment on this trip was a Flexradio Flex-3000, Icom IC-2KL amp and Icom IC-AT500 ATU, and the antenna for all HF bands is a 43 ft. vertical with 8 radials going down the sand dune to the beach below.

QSL only direct to P.O. Box 102303, Meerensee, 3901 SOUTH AFRICA (with 3 USDs and your QSL card, and you will get a QSL card back direct via air mail). NO IRCs or Bureau QSLs. ADDED NOTE: If you missed John this time around, he will be there again in January 2015 for about a month with Beth, 2W0VOW/C91B.

CONTEST STATION AVAILABLE

Jeff, KU8E, a member of the PJ4A Contest Team, reports:

"There are many good contest weekends available at the PJ4G Bonaire contest station for the Fall 2014 contest season. Check out <http://www.pj4g.com> for more information. Bonaire is pretty easy to get to with non-stop flights from the U.S. and

Europe or connecting flights via Curacao or Aruba. If you are into scuba diving this is one of the best spots in the world."

CR3, MADEIRA

Members of the Madeira Contest Team will be active as CR3A during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators to be announced. QSL via LoTW or EA5GL.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND (Press Releases/Updates) [edited]

Here is the latest updates on the CY0C DXpedition scheduled for September 8th: August 31st -

"The CY0C DXpedition team received some promising news from Aaron Carpenter, the Operations Coordinator for Parks Canada-Sable Island. Aaron reported to the team on Tuesday that Sable Island did receive beneficial rains on Monday, September 1. He advised the aircraft landing area is sufficiently firm and packed to allow normal flight operations. As a reminder, with any flights to Sable Island, VFR conditions are required at both Halifax and Sable Island. There is no runway or lights to mark the landing area on the island. Now we must hope for good VFR flying weather on Monday. Continue to check www.cy0dxpedition.com for the latest information."

September 6th --

"Everything continues to look good for the CY0C one-day DXpedition on Monday, September 8. The team has received frequent updates from Parks Canada and Maritime Air Charter. As of Saturday morning, September 6, the landing area on Sable Island is a GO. The weather forecast looks favorable at this point. The team will arrive at the Maritime Air Charter hanger at 1030Z on Monday morning. A weigh-in of the three operators and the DXpedition gear will be performed at that time. During this time, Aaron Carpenter of Parks Canada-Sable Island will be conducting the final check of the runway and will confirm if cross-winds are an issue. Aaron will report to Maritime Air and a final decision will be made as to suitability to fly. The CY0C team is very appreciative to Parks Canada and Maritime Air Charter in helping to make this challenging DXpedition possible. 73, Murray Adams, WA4DAN"

DX MAGAZINE'S "2014 MOST WANTED" SURVEY

Carl, N4AA, Editor of QRZ DX and The DX Magazine, reports:

"The DX Magazine is celebrating its SILVER (25th) anniversary this year. I am pleased to note that the first DX Magazine's Most Wanted Survey was reported in the October 1989 issue. It's been conducted every year since then, making this its 25th anniversary. Is that a record ? ? I am pleased to announce that the 2014 Most Wanted Survey is now on-line and ready for use and it will remain active until on or about October 15th. It was also published in the current issue of the magazine, which is in the mail at this time. Please pass along the information to your friends and encourage them to participate, so we can get the most input possible."

The URL for the survey is:

<http://www.dxpub.com/survey/survey2014.html>

E3, ERITREA (Update/Press Release - Tentative schedules Eritrea QRV) Jay, JA1TRC, reports:

"Zorro will leave Japan in the morning of Sunday 14th September, and scheduled to arrive Asmara on Monday 15th at 03:15 local time (UTC+3). He plans to set-up the station/antenna after arrival at hotel in the morning, or evening after a meeting.

He will be occupied by full of meetings during Tuesday 16th to Friday 19th. Very little chance for QRV.

On Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st, there will be a good chance for him to QRV about 20 hours max if he decides not to sleep, HI HI.

He plans to shut down the station in the evening of Monday 22nd, and leave hotel at night. Then he will leave Asmara at 04:15 local time. He should be back in Japan at noon on Wednesday 24th September 2014."

E6, NIUE (Update)

Haru, JA1XGI, has announced his next operation will be from **Niue (OC-040)** between December 1-6th. He will depart from Tokyo on November 28th to Sydney and transiting at Auckland. Then he will go to Niue on Saturday of November 30th. Haru will pick up his license at Telecom Niue on December 1st, and his expected callsign will be E6XG. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, looking for EU/NA on lower bands. Mode will be CW (mainly), SSB and the Digital. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1815, 3525, 7025, 10105, 14015, 18080, 21015, 24895 and 28015 kHz

SSB - 7145, 14175, 18135, 21260, 24940 and 28450 kHz

RTTY - 7045, 10140, 14088, 18102, 21088, 24915 and 28088 kHz

QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. An OQRS will be available on ClubLog. He now has a new E6XG Web page at:

<http://island.geocities.jp/niuevacation/index.htm>

He also has a E6XG Blog page at: <http://e6xg.yolasite.com>

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Jaime, WP3A, will be active as EF8U from the Las Palmas Contest Club radio station (EA8URL) on **Gran Canaria Island (AF-004)** during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ Low-Power/Assisted entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to EA8URE.

FR, REUNION ISLAND

Operators Willi/DJ7RJ and Sven/DJ2CW will be active as FR/homecall from Reunion Island starting September 30th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. Sven will only stay October 8th, while Willi will stay until October 30th. QSL via their home callsign.

GD6, ISLE OF MAN

Chris, GM3WOJ (ZL1CT), will once again be active as GD6IA from the contest station <http://www.gd6ia.com/> on the I.O.M. during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry. QSL via GD6IA, direct only to: GD6IA, PO Box 1, PEEL City, Isle of Man IM5 1XG, British Islands. No QSL Bureau - No eQSL - No LoTW.

IOTA NEWS

AF-019. (Update to [OPDX.1153](#)) The IG9Y Lampedusa Contest Team will continue the fun of last year and enter in this year's CQWW DX CW+SSB Contests from the same northern location on the Island of Lampedusa - ZONE 33 (African Italy) with two international Multi/Multi teams of about 30 operators in total using the new callsign: IO9Y. All info can be found on the IG9Y-LCT Web site at:

<http://ig9y.com>

ADDED NOTE: IG9Y is a lone African Entity that counts in the CQDX Marathon!!!

OC-021. Budi, YF1AR, is now active as YF1AR/p for the next several weeks on the weekends from **Java Island**. His activity will be dedicated to 80m night-time operations and during his sparetime on 40m daytime. He mentions that his antenna is a vertical full size on a 20m aluminium tubing put over the sea, 20m away from the beach on the Java Sea. Radio is a Yaesu FT450D with tuner using 100 watts. QSL via N2OO or use the OQRS on ClubLog. For more details and updates, see:

<http://www.yf1ar.com/2014/09/yf1arp-qrv-dedicated-80m-band.html>

OC-133. Saty, JE1JKL, will once again be active as 9M6NA from **Labuan Island**, East Malaysia, during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW, or to JE1JKL, by the Bureau or direct. To see his station, visit:

<http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html>

LA-QRP-IOTA-EXPEDITION

Frank, DH0JAE, will be active as LA/DH0JAE from several Norway IOTAs between September 8-20th. IOTAs mentioned are **Donna Island (EU-062)**, **Froya Island (EU-036)**, **More OG Romsdal County Center Group (EU-056)** and **More OG Romsdal County South Group (EU-079)**. Frank states, "For the expedition your paper-QSL is not needed. I take these for my fun and for the hams in the world." QSL via his home callsign, direct (EU 0.75 EURO, DX 1 IRC or 1 green stamp) --- all others return via Bureau. He does use LoTW. A log search is available via ClubLog:

<https://secure.clublog.org/logsearch/LA/DH0JAE>

NH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Koji, JL3RDC, will be active as NH0DX from Saipan during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All- Band/Low-Band entry. QSL via JL3RDC direct ONLY (no Bureau).

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 8-14th)

Sept/08th HN	Sept/11th AN	Sept/13th AN
Sept/09th AN	Sept/12th AN	Sept/14th AN
Sept/10th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRV DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA

Andre, PP6ZZ, will once again be active as PY0FF from **Fernando de Noronha (SA-003**, DIB OC-01, WLOTA 1208, WWFF PYFF-016) between September 18-25th). Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via W9VA or by LoTW. ADDED NOTES: Leo, PP1CZ, will be joining Andre, and is expected to use the callsign PY0F/PP1CZ. QSL him direct or on LoTW. Check out the pictures of his 2013/2014 operations on QRZ.com.

PZ5, SURINAME

Isao, JH1ROJ/KG8XV, will be active as PZ5AA from Ramon's, PZ5RA, rental shack in Paramaribo between September 20-25th. Activity will be on all bands and modes (CW/SSB/RTTY). QSL via JA1HGY, direct or by the Bureau. See QRZ.com for details. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW (end of October).

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (September 7th)

5Q7Y via DL8AW	II1IAST via IK1RKN	T6YA via F5OGL
5Q1A/P via OZ5ESB	II9IAIQ via IT9CFP	T7/9A2GA via 9A2GA
8Q7AF via EA1AF	LZ37MP via LZ1KCP	T7/9A5YY via 9A5YY
BI4SSB via BA4TB	MA5DWW via MM5DWW	T77BL via T70A
DL0VE/P via DF1BT	OA4/XQ3SA via XQ3SA	TA4/DJ5MN via DJ5MN
EG1SDC via EA1AUM	OL1M via OK1EW	TM0AAW via F8DVD
EG3SDC via EA1AUM	OM/SQ9PND via SQ9PND	TM27NN via F5KTU
EG5PAT via EA5FBD	OP0P via ON6DP	TM3RCA via NK2F or OQRS
EG5SDC via EA1AUM	OR5T via ON4ALY	TM6CL via F8CPV
EG7BWC via EB7DX	OZ/DL1BWU/P via DL1BWU	TM70LY via F8KLY
EG9SDC via EA1AUM	PA70AIRBORNE via PA9RF	TX4A via VE3LYC
EM0I via UT2IZ	PA70PARA via PA1WBU	UN/RV3IG via RV3IG
F/ON5OF via ON5OF	PA73EBP via PA3EBP	UP6P via UN7PBY
HF37SONDA via SP9HTY	PA73LOU via PA0LOU	YB9/DJ7XJ via OZ7XJ
HF440W via SP7KED	PG200KMAR via PA9LUC	YO/PB2T/P via PB2T
HF700MG via SP9KGC	RA/UY6IM via UY6IM (d)	YP7P via YO7LFV
IA5/IW1CKM via IW1CKM	SO37SONDA via SO5MAX	YP8T via YO8KGA
IC8/DF1XC via DF1XC	SZ8XIO via SV8FCU (d)	YS1/NP3J via EA5GL

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only

(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only

LoTW NEWS. It was announced this past week by Larry, K1IED, the Antarctica QSL Manager, that U.S. Antarctic stations KC4AAA, KC4AAC and KC4USV are now using LoTW. Logs over the past two years, as well some older logs, have been uploaded to LoTW. It was also mentioned that other older logs could be uploaded in the future.

OLD QSL COLLECTION (Update)

Jean Michel, F6AJA, wants to remind everyone to visit the Les Nouvelles DX (LNDX) Web page to see more than 12000 old QSL cards in several different albums/galleries. This site contains:

- The ten most wanted DXCC entities (2004 to 2013) with more than 300 QSLs
- At least one card for each 60 deleted DXCC countries (more than 1500+ QSLs)
- Nearest the totality of current prefixes, disappeared now (more than 4100+ QSLs)
- Album for stations from North Africa 1945-1962 (400+ QSLs)
- More than 900 QSLs from the Antarctic bases.
- With 270 QSLs from the TAAF (Terres Australes and Antarctiques Francaises).
- More than 400 QSLs for the rare French Pacific Islands such as FK/C, FO/C, FO/A, FO/M, FO/C and FW
- More than 100 cards from Eparses Islands such as FR/B/E/G/J/T
- The FG, FM, FP, FS, FY stations from 1945 to 1969
- More than 1700 cards for the old timer with more than 130 countries before 1945.
- Cards from the French Department before 1945.
- At least one card from each of the states in the U.S. before 1945.

The URL address for the Web site is: <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr>

Some cards are still needed for the collection, and your participation is welcome. Only a ".jpg" file (both side of the card) is required. Please visit the site and give them your comments by sending an E-mail to: LesNouvellesDX@free.fr

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4W/N1YC, AM07IZJ, DK2WU, HI3TEJ, HK1T, HV0A, KC4AAA, KC4AAC, KC4USV, KH7M, MJ0LEL, PR7AR, PX8I, SV1PMR, UA9MA, UN3GX and ZR9C

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5J0R, A25DJ, BD4FFM, CX2BR, CX9AU, EA5IDG, EA9/DL2RVL, EY7AD, GB2LGR, JR6KE/6, JY4CI, K2G, K2H, K2I, MJ0EXV, RZ1OA, S9TF, TA0/DF8DX, VP2ETE and WA2FIJ/KH5K

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B8MM, 4Z1UF, 5B4AII, 9M2TO, CT3KN, DH0GHU, DL4MCF, DM3HZN, E51KBR, E51PJT, G3ZCH, GJ6UW, HB30OK, HB9EFX, IZ3ETU, JA8CMC, OH4RF, OK8YD, OM7LM, SM7BHM, SV2FWV, TF/G3TXF, TI8/AA1M and XF2E

S7, SEYCHELLES

Christian "Chris", HB9LCA, will be active as S79LCA from the Seychelles between September 6-27th. While there, he plans to activate three of Seychelles islands. Activity will be on 40-6 meters using mostly CW with some SSB, but no Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct (see QRZ.com) or by the Bureau.

SPECIAL EVENT (Highway to a DX Party!)

The Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club of San Bernardino, California, will once again host (probably one of the most fun special event activities) the 15th annual "Route 66 On The Air" special event between September 6-14th. The purpose of this event is to offer amateur radio operators a fun way to "Relive the Ride" of their own memories of Route 66, and to celebrate the highway's 84th anniversary. The U.S. Highway 66 established in 1926, was the first major improved highway to link the west coast with the nations heartland. Through stories, songs, and TV shows, the highway came to symbolize the spirit of the freedom of the open road, inspiring many to see America. Look for the following 21 stations (two are rovers) operating in or around the major cities along the old "Route 66" from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago, Illinois:

Stations	City	Clubs/Individuals
W6A	Santa Monica, CA	Westside Amateur Radio Club
W6B	Los Angeles, CA	Westside Amateur Radio Club
W6C	San Bernardino, CA	Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club
W6D	Victorville, CA	Victor Valley Amateur Radio Club
W6E	Barstow, CA	Barstow Amateur Radio Club
W6F	Kingman, AZ	Hualapai Amateur Radio Club
W6G	Flagstaff, AZ	Northern Arizona DX Association
W6H	Albuquerque, NM	New Mexico Amateur Radio Alliance
W6I	Amarillo, TX	Chapter 141, QCWA
W6J	Elk City, OK	Marvin Gorden, KC9VF
W6K	Oklahoma City, OK	W6K Oklahoma City
W6L	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa Amateur Radio Club
W6M	Riverton, KS	Jim Cochran, K0RH
W6N	Joplin, MO	Joplin Amateur Radio Club
W6O	Lebanon, MO	Lebanon Amateur Radio Club
W6P	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis Amateur Radio Club
W6Q	Chicago, IL	Six Meter Club of Chicago
W6R	Spreingfield, MO	Southwest Missouri Amateur RC
W6U	Pontiac, IL	Illinois Radio League

ROVER STATIONS

W6S	ROVER 1	Northern Arizona DX Association
W6T	ROVER 2	Northern Arizona DX Association

Special event stations are expected to be found in the vicinity of the following frequencies. (Look for digital modes in the standard band segments for such mode) All frequencies +/- QRM:

CW - 3533, 7033, 10110, 14033, 18080, 21033, 24900, 28033 and 50033 kHz **SSB**
- 3866, 7266, 14266, 18164, 21366, 24966, 28466 and 50166 kHz **Digi** - 3580,
7070, 10140, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920 and 28120 kHz

R66 MOBILE Operations - Any amateurs operating while actually driving along Route 66 during the special event period are encouraged to take part in "Route 66 On The Air", by using the designation "mobile 66" for SSB or "/m66" for CW after their callsigns. All other amateur radio operators are welcome to contact these mobile operators.

REPEATERS - Some of the participating clubs will also be operating this event from their local VHF/UHF repeaters. Check the ARRL repeater guide for possible repeater frequencies, if you're in the local area.

Each participating club will issue their own QSL card commemorating this event. QSL information is available on the Web at:

<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/qsl-card-request-guidelines>

<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/qsl-card-routing-and-station-website-addresses>

For more details about the event and the certificate that is available, please visit the "Route 66 OTA Site" at:

<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/route-66-on-the-air/>

<http://www.w6jbt.org/2013site/certificate-request-guidelines/>

SV8/SW8, GREECE (IOTA Op)

Gabi, HA1YA, will join Laci, HA0HW (SW8WW), on **Thassos Island (EU-174)**, Greece, on September 16th, and will operate as SV8/HA1YA mostly on 6 and 2 meters with his IC-9100 and delta loop on 6m and 9 element yagi on 2m. There will be some operations on the HF bands expected as well. On September 24th, Gabi and his family will be moving down to **Limnos Island (EU-049)** and will stay there for a few more days (until October 1st) to try to find a good VHF QTH for his next operation during the 2015 summer.

TK, CORSICA

Paul, G4BKI (VP9KF), will be active from **Corsica Island (EU-014)**, WW Loc. JN42qb) between October 6th and March 16th (2015). He will use the callsign TK/G4BKI for the first 90 days, and then he expects to have a TK4 callsign/license afterwards. For more details and updates, visit:

<http://tk.g4bki.com>

TZ6BB QRT

Fernando, EA4BB/TZ6BB, informs OPDX:

"I have been reassigned to Nigeria and I will go there next Monday (9/8/2014). I was kind of expecting this, though not so soon. This means, unfortunately, that TZ6BB will go QRT on Sunday evening (9/7/2014). I will still come back to Mali by mid November or so, for a few days, but my task then will be to dis-mantle the station, pack up all my things and then return to 5N land to stay. I will of course do my best to be on the air from there, but I need first to sort a license, QTH, station etc. Not sure how long that is going to take but I'm afraid it won't happen overnight. I am leaving some of my radio equipment (including a nice HF transceiver) behind, here in Mali, as a little present to a local ham in the hope he will keep Mali active on the bands in the future. Let's see what happens."

V5, NAMIBIA

Sebastian, OE3SZA, will be active as V5/OE3SZA from Namibia between October 29th and November 11th. Activity will be SSB only running QRP with an Yaesu FT-817. QSL via OE3SZA, direct or by the OEVSU Bureau.

V6, MICRONESIA

Operators Sho/JA7HMZ (V63DX) and Akio/JA7ZP (V63ZP) will once again be active from **Pohnpei Island (OC-010)** between November 28th and December 4th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. Sho will be looking for EU on 160m. QSL via their home callsigns. Also, look for both operators to be in CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th) -- Sho signing V6A as a Single-Op/All-Band entry, and Akio signing V63ZP as a Single-Op/ Single-Band (?? m) entries. Again, QSL via their home callsigns.

VP2, ANGUILLA

Masa, JN3NFQ, will be active as VP2EIM from **Anguilla (NA-022)** between November 23-30th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. He will also participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th). QSL via JA1HGY, direct or use his OQRS. For more details and updates, see:

<http://qsl.net/vp2eim>
<http://www.qrz.com/db/VP2EIM>

VP9, BERMUDA

Les, N1SV, will once again be active as VP9I from Ed/VP9GE's QTH at the Hamilton Parish apartments on **Bermuda (NA-005)**

see the Web page at: <http://vp9ge.com>

for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). He is usually on as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via WW3S. Prior to the contest (starting October 22nd), look for Les to sign as VP9/N1SV. QSL via his home callsign. An OQRS and log search is available on CLubLog.

XR0Y, EASTER ISLAND (Update)

A team of Japanese operators will be active as XR0YJ from Hare Kapone on Easter Island between January 9-17th, (2015). Operators mentioned are Tatsuo/JA3ARJ, Masumi/JA3AVO, Shozo/JA3HJI, Jusei/ JA3IVU, Kunio/JH3LSS, YL Hiroko/JH3PBL and Shima/JI3DNN. Some of these operators are from the Lord Howe Island DXpedition last year. Activity will be holiday style on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via the operator's instructions. For more details and updates, watch the following:

<http://www.nakade.jp/ce0y.htm>
<http://ja3avo.blog81.fc2.com>

XT, BURKINA FASO

Ivaylo, LZ1CLM, is now active as XT2CML from Bobo- Dioulasso until September 30th. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW and SSB. Equipment is a FT-857 with 100w, into an off-center Dipole 20m long. QSL via LZ1CLM, direct or by the LZ QSL Bureau.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA ISLAND (Update)

Operators Paul/ZS1S and Nigel/G3TXF, currently on the ship, "SA Agulhas II", will be active as ZD9ZS (SSB) and ZD9XF (CW) from **Tristan da Cunha (AF-029)** between September 10th and October 3rd. QSL ZD9ZS via ZS1S and ZD9XF via G3TXF. ADDED NOTE: There is a Tristan da Cunha "YAHOO Group List", and it lists the departure of the "SA Agulhas II"

and its passagers at:

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/tristan-da-cunha/conversations/messages/2813>

ZD9, GOUGH ISLAND

A few sources are reporting that David, ZS1BCE (ex-ZS8Z), will be active as ZD9A from **Gough Island (AF-030)**. David is apparently on the same ship, "SA Agulhas II", as Paul/ZS1S and Nigel/G3TXF are on, and is expected to take over the radio duties from Pierre, ZS1HF/ZD9M. His length of stay, bands and modes of activities were not mentioned. QSL via ZS1LS.



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